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1. Windows illuminated at night indicated that the Artillery Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse was occupied to about one third capacity. There was little daylight activity. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia.

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2. Only a few soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, were observed at the Buelow-Kaserne.

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3. The north eastern section of the Pichhorn Kaserne on Muellroser-Landstrasse was occupied by a small guard detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The buildings had not been used as transient quarters for personnel on leave since mid-April 1950. The southwestern section was occupied by about 600 troops wearing black-bordered-crimson epaulets. All billets were lighted at night. There was routine training activity during the day.

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4. A gate guard at the makeshift gate of the Hindenburg Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. No troops were seen in the barracks area.

5. The Hofbauer Kaserne was apparently vacant except for some officers on leave who used the barracks as a transient billets. Trucks shuttling between the railroad station and the barracks

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6. Only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Horn Kaserne. The barracks were dark in the evening except for four windows in one building.

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7. The Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse was occupied by a small rear detail. [REDACTED] 25X1C

8. The kommandatura unit consisting of about 100 men, was still billeted in the former labor office building. The offices in the opposite building.

9. A Frankfurt/Oder resident, at whose home a Soviet officer was billeted, learned that the tanks which had been detrained in Frankfurt/Oder were shipped to Lieberose. He also learned that a cantonment capable of housing 90,000 troops was being constructed there. The work was being done by the Schallhorn Firm, Frankfurt/Oder. **

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the occupation of the Frankfurt/Oder barracks checks with previous reports which stated that except for rear details, the Frankfurt/Oder units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div began leaving for field exercises in mid-April 1950. Some elements of the Artillerie Kaserne units of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army appear to have been at the post by the beginning of May 1950.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The information supports the previous assumption that the elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div went to the Lieberose troop training grounds, as they did in 1949.

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